

## **PUBLIC ADVISORY**

## RESIDENT COMMISIONER PEDRO PIERLUSI ANNOUNCES THE ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION FOR STUDENTS

**WASHINGTON, DC-** Resident Commissioner in Washington, Pedro Pierluisi, invites high school students to participate in the 2009 Congressional Art Competition of the United States. This annual competition, known as "An Artistic Discovery," seeks to recognize the artistic talent of young high school students in Puerto Rico, the states and other territories.

Since 1982 the House of Representatives of the United States has sponsored this art competition to highlight the artistic talent of American students and emphasize the positive impact of the study and practice of the arts among our youth.

This year, the Resident Commissioner, Pedro Pierluisi, like all members of the Federal House of Representatives, may choose a piece of art in their district from those submitted by their young constituents.

The winning piece will be part of an exhibition at the Federal U.S. Capitol in Washington DC and it will also compete among others submitted for an annual college scholarship at the prestigious Savannah College of Art and Design located in Savannah, Georgia.

Artworks will be evaluated within the following categories: paintings, drawings, collages, prints, mixed media, computer art and photography. The piece must measure no more than 30" height, 30" wide and 4" deep including the frame.

The winner will have the opportunity to travel to Washington DC, meet the Resident Commissioner and attend an event with all the winners of the nation.

The deadline to submit the application for participation is Tuesday April 21, 2009 and for the delivery of the piece to the office of the Resident Commissioner in San Juan is Wednesday, May 15, 2009.

For more information about the competition please contact Sylvia Escoto and / or Cristina Sierra in the Office of the Resident Commissioner in San Juan.

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For rules and the registration form you can access: www.house.gov/house/Artguidelines.shtml